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## Press Release

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### **IMCOM-Europe sponsoring Battle of Bands, Stars of Tomorrow**

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Soldiers in Europe need to start tuning their guitars and beginning vocal warm ups.

Installation Management Command-Europe is hosting its annual Battle of Bands and Stars of Tomorrow talent competitions May 26 and 27 at the Katterbach Fitness Center in Ansbach, Germany.

The Battle of Bands competition for amateur Soldier recreation bands will held May 26, and the Stars of Tomorrow talent competition will be held May 27, with both contests starting at 2 p.m.

Winners will be announced at the end of each day's competition, when prizes will be awarded, said Jim Sohre, IMCOM-Europe entertainment director.

Each garrison will establish open selection processes or will host competitions to send qualified participants to the IMCOM-Europe-level competitions.

While the Battle of Bands emphasis is on all-Soldier groups, bands can be comprised of other members. However, each band must be formed entirely of U.S. identification cardholders, with at least 50 percent of the group being active-duty Soldiers, with no

more than half of them being members of an official Army band. Family members (18 and older), Department of Defense civilians and servicemembers from the Navy, Marines or Air Force also may participate, providing they can show that they have consistently performed as part of the group.

The Stars of Tomorrow talent competition is the Army's version of "Star Search" where soloists, instrumentalists, dancers, actors and other small groups compete. Categories include: male and female vocal solo; vocal duet; vocal solo self-accompanied; instrumental solo; and specialty solo, which includes rap, dance, variety acts, magic, puppetry, dramatic performance and skits. The group category of specialty and group performance encompasses vocal group, instrumental group and specialty group.

Stars of Tomorrow is open to all U.S. ID cardholders, who will be competing equally for awards and prizes. A participant may enter in one solo and one group category.

Deadline for qualifications and applications is May 14.

For more information about categories, eligibility requirements and application procedures, contact a garrison military welfare and recreation entertainment director or call DSN 370-7499.

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